

Criminal & Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group Meeting

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Welcome & Introductions

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Collaborative Relationships and Funding Update

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Advisory Group “Branding” Focused Conversation

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Data Practices Update

Deb Kerschner

Data & Identification Standards Update

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UNIFORM CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA AND IDENTIFICATION STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Process and Recommendations



THE TASK

- From the Task Force's Identified Strategies
 - Establish uniform criminal justice data
 - Accurate identification standards



WHEN IDENTIFICATION GOES WRONG

- When A uses B's name and DOB (usually a relative) then B is charged with a crime
- If B does not know she was charged and does not appear for court a warrant is issued for B
- B is arrested the next time she has any contact with the police
- Even when the situation is fixed B has the charge on her record and she is forever linked to that case and A's criminal record and identification



THE ISSUE(S)

- Wrong identification leads to
 - Attaching a criminal history to the wrong person
 - Issuing warrants for the wrong person
 - Arresting the wrong person
- Time and resources to untangle the person and the wrong identification – who actually committed the crime?
- Clearing your (wrong) criminal history



OUR UNDERSTANDING

- Determine a common method to identify a person (having a complete record tied to the person – not having multiple “persons” which are actually the same one person).
- Data quality, ability to correctly identify offenses and the person(s) associated with those offences.
- Information is moved between systems in order to prevent errors



THE TEAM AND THE PROCESS

- Team
 - Judge
 - Chief Law Enforcement Officer
 - Public Defender
 - Data Integrator
- Process
 - Meetings and open discussions around real-life scenarios and their outcomes



WHAT IS IDENTIFICATION?

- From Merriam – Webster:
 - The act of finding out who someone is or what something is: the act of identifying someone or something
 - Something that shows who a person is: a document, card, etc., that has your name and other information about you and that often includes your photograph



CURRENT IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

- CURRENTLY Depends when we identify (“level” of encounter)
 - Citation/misdemeanor Name/DOB;
 - Name/DOB, Photo;
 - Felony Name/DOB, Photo, Fingerprint; DNA



IDENTIFICATION PROCESS CONSIDERATION₁

- Depends when we identify (“level” of encounter)
 - Name/DOB;
 - Name/DOB, Photo
 - Name/DOB/ Photo, Fingerprint; DNA

Ideas the team discussed

- Minimum requirements to identify a person
 - More than just a name/DOB
 - Fingerprints/retinal scans/DNA/Rapid DNA/Facial recognition
 - DNA in the future for identification vs. just resolving a crime



IDENTIFICATION PROCESS CONSIDERATION₂

- Ideas the team discussed
 - Practicality – we will not obtain a fingerprint of every person in contact with police
 - Fingerprint identification should be after a decision to take action
 - Follow 299c.10



IDENTIFICATION PROCESS CONSIDERATION₃

- Reliable method(s) for identification
 - Name and DOB is not sufficient; we would like at least to attach a photo (captured at the point of issuing a citation)
 - We prefer fingerprint (for all misdemeanors and above)
 - For misdemeanors (when a citation was issued) – photo at issuance, fingerprints at conviction
 - Keep process of felony name/DOB/fingerprints/proto at charge and DNA at conviction (no changes suggested)



RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TASK FORCE

- Vetting process with advocacy groups and the public
 - a few options
 - Presentations on the pros and cons of photos as first-line of criminal process identification
 - Publish the recommendations for public comments on a website
- Collecting feedback and creating final recommendations
- Singular or highly integrated Criminal Justice System



FINAL COMMENT

- Outcome: “The Right Information, To the Right People, At the Right Time”
- A correct identification at the beginning of the criminal justice process will solve many current issues.



QUESTIONS



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Other Business?

Members

Adjourn

Thank you for coming!